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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to personal delivery devices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 304.900, to read as
3 follows:

304.900. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "Agent", a person given the responsibility, by an
4 entity, of navigating and operating a personal delivery
5 device;

6 (2) "Personal delivery device", a powered device
7 operated primarily on sidewalks and crosswalks and intended
8 primarily for the transport of property on public rights-of-
9 way that does not exceed seven hundred fifty pounds,
10 including cargo, and is capable of navigating with or
11 without the active control or monitoring of a natural
12 person. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
13 "personal delivery device" shall not be defined as a "motor
14 vehicle" or a "vehicle";

15 (3) "Personal delivery device operator", an entity or
16 its agent that exercises physical control or monitoring over
17 the navigation system and operation of a personal delivery
18 device. A "personal delivery device operator" does not

19 include an entity or person who requests or receives the
20 services of a personal delivery device for the purpose of
21 transporting property or an entity or person who merely
22 arranges for and dispatches the requested services of a
23 personal delivery device.

24 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
25 personal delivery device is authorized to operate in this
26 state:

27 (1) On any sidewalk or crosswalk of any county or
28 municipality in the state; and

29 (2) On any roadway of any county or municipality in
30 the state, provided that the personal delivery device shall
31 not unreasonably interfere with motor vehicles or traffic.

32 3. A personal delivery device shall:

33 (1) Not block public rights-of-way;

34 (2) Obey all traffic and pedestrian control signals
35 and devices;

36 (3) Operate at a speed that does not exceed a maximum
37 speed of ten miles per hour on a sidewalk or crosswalk;

38 (4) Contain a unique identifying number that is
39 displayed on the device;

40 (5) Include a means of identifying the personal
41 delivery device operator; and

42 (6) Be equipped with a system that enables the
43 personal delivery device to come to a controlled stop.

44 4. Subject to the requirements of this section, a
45 personal delivery device operating on a sidewalk or
46 crosswalk shall have all the rights and responsibilities
47 applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

48 5. A personal delivery device shall be exempt from
49 motor vehicle registration requirements.

50 6. A personal delivery device operator shall maintain
51 an insurance policy that provides general liability coverage
52 of at least one hundred thousand dollars for damages arising
53 from the combined operations of personal delivery devices
54 under a personal delivery device operator's control.

55 7. If the personal delivery device is being operated
56 between sunset and sunrise, it shall be equipped with
57 lighting on both the front and rear of the personal delivery
58 device visible in clear weather from a distance of at least
59 five hundred feet to the front and rear of the personal
60 delivery device.

61 8. A personal delivery device shall not be used for
62 the transportation of hazardous material in a quantity or
63 form that could pose an unreasonable risk to health, safety,
64 or property when transported in commerce.

65 9. Except as otherwise expressly provided, a political
66 subdivision of this state shall not enact or enforce an
67 ordinance or resolution relating to:

68 (1) The design; manufacture; maintenance; licensing
69 and registration; taxation, assessment, or other fees not
70 otherwise generally applicable; certification; or insurance
71 of a personal delivery device; or

72 (2) The types of property that may be transported by a
73 personal delivery device.

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